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## Salvation Army Drive

Responses are coming in quite promptly this year in the annual appeal of the Salvation Army through its local committee headed by Ross L. Spencer as chairman and William F. Hoehn as treasurer. Other members of the committee consist of George W. Carr, M. D. Birdsall, Dr. F. Wilton Dean, Grove W. Deming, H. F. Millard, A. Gordon Moody and Miss Mira B. Wilson. The quota has been set at \$550. Canvassers representing the Salvation Army will soon make their calls and a liberal response is hoped for from all friends. Those who have received the appeal through the mail should make their response with the material enclosed. Again a percentage of the total amount received will be used for local purposes.

## New York Office

The American Youth Hostel which has had its headquarters in this town for several years is to open an office in New York city with its director, Monroe Smith, and a staff of workers in charge. The present staff located in Northfield will remain here and conduct the work of the various departments, such as mailing, printing and sales, with details of administration. Mr. Smith takes this step in order to secure contact with other organizations located in New York and to be more accessible to them. It is a progressive move and the organization is to be congratulated in its plan of expansion. The home of the directors will be continued here.

## Town Topics

The local chapter of the Eastern Star has received invitations for its members to attend the installations of various chapters throughout the district and it is expected that some will attend each if possible.

Mr. and Mrs. George Dunnell, Leon Dunnell and Miss Arline Dunnell are enjoying a trip by motor to various places in Florida. They will also visit other places enroute and will be away for several weeks.

## Needs Much Clothing

The National Clothing collection is now in progress and throughout the country in every state and its communities, efficient committees are working to secure the largest possible accumulation of discarded clothing in good condition, to be shipped overseas for distribution to the needy of Europe and other foreign countries. The appeal in Northfield is headed by Mrs. David Hammond, who says the demands are great and trusts that our citizens will be both generous and prompt in responding. Clothing bundled may be left at both Postoffices, at Morgans store, at the station of Gordon Buffum, and at the homes of Mrs. Pallam on Birnam Road, at the residence of Irving J. Lawrence in West Northfield, the home of Mrs. Carroll Miller on South Main Street, and in Northfield Farms with Mrs. Warren Billings, Mrs. Lawrence Hammond, Mrs. Robert Shearer or with Mrs. Robert Hubbard. Those unable to get parcels to these places should phone Mrs. Hammond at her home. On Saturday, Jan. 26, the Girl Scouts will assist and make a house to house canvass. Lets all get together and make the local shipment a large one.

Mrs. A. F. Bennett of this town is enjoying the winter season at West Palm Beach, Florida. The weather has been most delightful.

Friends here of Sgt. Winthrop James, son of Mrs. Alice James of Brattleboro, both former residents here, will be glad to hear that he expects his discharge from the service soon at Fort Devens. During the past year he has been stationed in the Aleutian Islands.

A lunch room will shortly be opened in the small building on Main Street adjoining the store of Fred Avery. A lunch counter and several tables will be provided.

A Bible class for women meets every Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. J. R. Colton and studies are in the book of John. All women are invited to attend.

Sgt. Charles E. Auclair, son of Mrs. Elizabeth Auclair of this town, has received his release from the army. He began his military career in June, 1941, and was trained at several stations in this country before going overseas in July, 1945. He was located on Guam and was with an ordnance unit of the air force.

## Herbert Ripley Weds

From Topsfield, Maine, comes the information of the wedding of Miss Loyce Thornton and Herbert L. Ripley, both of that city, which took place in the Methodist church on Saturday evening, December 8th. Mr. Ripley is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William L. Ripley, formerly residents of this town, and was engaged with his father in the manufacture of the "Northfield colonial rugs" still continued at their present home in Topsfield where the family also operate a large farm. The wedding ceremonies were largely attended by relatives and friends of both the bride and groom and a special dinner and reception was at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Thornton of that community. Decorations at the church and at the home were of pine and holly with flowering poinsettias. The wedding trip was a tour of New England cities ending at Boston. The couple will reside in Topsfield.

Another physician may locate in this town soon if it is possible to secure a convenient and adequate location. If you know of such a place, please advise Mr. Hoehn with full information.

Miss Loretta Marshall, daughter of Major and Mrs. William Marshall of Highland Ave., is at the Franklin county hospital where she has undergone an operation for appendicitis.

Mrs. Ethel Hopkins, formerly of this town, with her sons are now living in Beverly Hills, Calif., where they are employed.

## Emerson Phillips Dies

Emerson O. Phillips, who has resided on the Hinsdale road just above the state line for many years, died at the Franklin county hospital on Tuesday, January 1st, after a brief illness after which he suffered a heart attack followed by double pneumonia. He was 59 years of age and was born in Holyoke August 23, 1886, the son of William C. and Augusta (Dunham) Phillips. He was engaged in the poultry business and had also followed his trade as a carpenter. He was a veteran of World War I and a member of the Hinsdale Legion post. He was also a member of the Odd Fellows. Surviving are his wife, the former Sarah E. Holbrook, three brothers and two sisters. There are several nephews and nieces. Funeral services were held at the Hodgen Funeral home in Greenfield, Friday afternoon with Rev. Kenneth R. Henley officiating and burial was in the cemetery at Jack-sonville, Vermont.

The students of Mount Hermon school will be kept active in the plans for athletic events this winter following the holiday vacation. The sports program will include skiing, swimming and wrestling. Teams will compete in basketball, swimming and wrestling with teams from other schools which include Vermont academy, Williston, Kimball, Union, Cushing, Deerfield, Brown, Trinity, Mass. State, Choate, Suffield, Admiral Billiard, Milton, Loomis and Amherst. The hockey team will take part in the Dartmouth invitation tournament.

## Ernest Gaines Dies

Ernest Gaines of Northfield Farms died at his home on Saturday, December 29, at the age of 72 years. He was born in Guilford, Vermont, April 28, 1873, and coming to Northfield as a young child, had resided here since. He had been an employee of the Millers Falls Company since 1894 and was trusted and honored for his ability and loyalty. He leaves one daughter, Mrs. Viola Gaines Billings with whom he made his home. There are two grandchildren. The funeral service was held at his home on Monday afternoon with Rev. Joseph W. Reeves officiating and burial was in the Farms cemetery.

George N. Kidder will have an interesting advertisement in our next issue. He will carry in stock a selection of washing machines, radios and other conveniences just as soon as they are available.

A report on the success of the Victory Bond campaign in Franklin county reveals that only five towns in the county exceed their quotas. They are Greenfield, Turners Falls, Conway, Orange and Shelburne Falls. The exact amount credited to Northfield has not been stated.

## CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our appreciation to the people of the town of Northfield for all the kindness and help they have given us, in the loss of our home. We thank all very much.

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### Town Topics

Sgt. Raymond C. Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carroll H. Miller, has returned to his home here for a short leave after which he expects to be discharged at Fort Devens. He enlisted in September, 1942, and was sent overseas in July, 1943. He was in the Pacific area, at New Guinea and later in the Philippines.

Harmony Lodge of Masons held its regular meeting Wednesday evening the 16th at Masonic hall. The 12th Lodge of Instruction will be held the 23rd with Republican lodge of Greenfield.

Dr. William E. Park, president of the Northfield schools, addressed the members of the Greenfield Hebrew synagogue at a meeting Friday evening the 4th. He spoke on educational needs.

The Central Vermont Railroad celebrated its centennial on December 15 and much publicity was given the event. On December 15, 1845, the first spike was driven at Windsor, Vermont. The line has served Northfield for many years with passenger and freight service.

Mrs. Frank H. Montague spent the holidays in New York city visiting friends and relatives.

Mrs. Russell Durgin of New Haven spent the holiday season at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Lazelle.

Lieut. and Mrs. John Polhemus recently visited friends here and are now with his brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Taber Polhemus at Natick. He is the son of Mrs. J. W. Polhemus now of Miami, Fla., but formerly of this town. Lieut. Polhemus received his discharge from the Navy last week and plans to attend Syracuse University to study for his Master's degree. Mrs. Polhemus is also a student there.

The State Line Fellowship of the South Vernon church will be addressed by Col. Ernest W. Gibson of Brattleboro at its next meeting Monday evening, January 13, at 7.30. Ernest Barre of Brattleboro will sing. The public is invited to attend.

All patrons of the Rural Free delivery were notified recently in a card notice placed in their mail boxes that the mail box and approaches must be kept free and clear of snow. The carrier delivers the mail without alighting from his car and the delivery must not be hindered. Failure to observe will curtail the delivery of mail.

Several members of the local Chapter of the Eastern Star attended the installation of officers of the Athol chapter at its meeting Friday evening, January 4, and went to Turners Falls Monday evening, January 7 to attend the installation there of their Chapter. Mrs. George W. Leonard of this town was the soloist at Turners Falls.

Miss Edith Spaulding, who is located in New York city, was at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Spaulding for the holidays.

Superior court will open Monday, January 14, at Greenfield and Charles L. Johnson will serve for one sitting as a traverse juror. George W. Carr has been drawn as a grand juror to serve for the year.

Mrs. John V. McNeil and Mrs. Hazel Gredler have packed and shipped 213 pounds of canned goods to the Unitarian Service committee at its warehouse in New York for distribution to Europeans in need.

Arthur D. Platt of the faculty of Mount Hermon school, who was recently elected as president of the Kiwanis club of Greenfield, was duly installed at its first meeting of the year.

### Mrs. Ethel Keith Morse

Mrs. Ethel Keith Morse, wife of Horace H. Morse, head of the history department of Mount Hermon school, died suddenly, after a few days of illness at her home on Birnam Road, Wednesday, January 2nd. The community was shocked when the news spread and her many friends sorrowed in "love, esteem and sympathy." Mrs. Morse was the daughter of Merton Samuel and Ida Ford Keith of Jamaica Plain. She was a graduate of Radcliffe college and for many years taught Latin in the Springfield (Mass.) Classical High School. After her marriage she came to Northfield and in recent years occupied the attractive home which they purchased for residence. Surviving besides her husband is a brother, Merton S. Keith of Worcester. She was a member of the Fortnightly and of the local Congregational church. The funeral services were at the church on Saturday afternoon following with Rev Joseph W. Reeves, the pastor officiating and burial was in the Mount Hermon cemetery. Bearers were Louis Smith, Howard Niblock, Carroll Rikert, Roy R. Hatch, George W. Carr and Fred A. Holton. The ushers at the services were Gordon Pyper and Harry Erickson.

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A son, David John, was born on Christmas day to Mr. and Mrs. Ernest N. Tenney of South Vernon at the Brattleboro Memorial hospital. Mr. Tenney (Y3c) is stationed in the Azores. Mr. and Mrs. Claude Tenney are grandparents.

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